to the legal heirs in pursuing their claims with the concerned authorities as per relevant local regulations.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Recommendations made by National Advisory Council

693. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the subject considered by the National Advisory Council headed by Shrimati Sonia Gandhi so far;

(b) the recommendations made by the National Advisory Council; and

(c) the action taken by Government on these recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) the Subject which have so far been considered in the National Advisory Council pertain, *inter alia,* to Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (including Education Cess) and Mid-Day Meal Scheme, Right to Information, the Health Sector, Draft National Rural Employment Guarantee Bill, the National Rural Roads Programme, Universalisation of the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme and the Board for Reconstruction of Public Sector Enterprises.

(b) and (c) The recommendations/views of the Council and the action taken by the Government on the recommendations is as under:—

Nac Recommendations	Action Taken By The Government
1. Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (including Education Cess) and Mid-Day Meal Scheme.	A fund for primary education and Mid-day Meals that is non-lapsable and dedicated and secures the entire receipts from the Education Cess has been set up.

Nac Recommendations	Action Taken By The Government
Itwas recommended that revenues from the Education Cess be earmarked exclusively for the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and cooked Mid-Day Meal Programme; the cess revenues should be paid into the dedicated non-lapsable Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan Kosh and the SSA should be organized and implemented in Mission mode.	
2. It order to make the Freedom of Information Act, which is proposed to be entitled as Right to Information Act, more progressive, participatory and meaningful, the detailed proposals in this regard have been forwarded to the Government of India.	A draft Bill on the subject is being formulated/processed in the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions.
3. *Health Sector.*	
A detailed Paper outlining the Agenda for Action for the Health Sector has been formulated and forwarded to the Government of India.	The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has conceptualized a Rural Healthcare Mission (RHM) for provision of comprehensive integrated health care services to the rural poor in all parts of the country. Suggestions received on the Health Sector will be suitably incorporated by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in the RHM.

Nac Recommendations	Action Taken By The Government
4. *National Rural Employment Guarantee Bill.* The National Employment Guarantee Act will provfde a legal guarantee for least 100 days of employment, to begin with, asset-creating public works programmes every year at minimum wages for at least one able-bodie person in every poor rural/urban and lower middle class household. In the interim, a massive food-for-work programme will be started. A draft Bill on the subject which specifically addresses the rural areas has been prepared and forwarded to the Government of India.	Suggestions given by the NAC on the Draft National Rural Employment Bill have been considered by the Government and appropriately incorporated in the Bill to be presented to the Parliament shortly. A food-for-work programme in 150 selected districts of the country has been launched.
5. *National Rural Roads programme.* The National Rural Roads Programme, being handled by the Ministry of Rural Development, requires higher quantum of funds either by increasing the budgetary allocation or by leveraging the Diesel Cess to raise funds.	The recommendations are being examined.
6. *Universalization of Integrated Child Development Services.* With reference to Education and Health, the National Common Minimum Programme commits that the Integrated Child Development	The Government is in the process of fomulating a proposal for expansion of ICDS scheme.

Nac Recommendations	Action Taken By The Government
Services (ICDS) Scheme would be universalized to provide a functional Anganwadi in every settlement and ensure full coverage for all children. The requisite proposals have been forwarded to the Government of India.	
7. *Board for Reconstruction of Public Sector Enterprises.* In order to devolve managerial and commercial autonomy to successful, profit making companies operating in a competitive environment, it has ben suggested that the proposed Board's Terms of Reference should be such as to enable it to look into ways and means for strengthening the Public Sector Enterprises and making them more autonomous and professional, in addition to restructuring/ advising on the closure or sale of Public Sector Enterprises.	A Board to address the issues pertaining to revival/restructuring of public sector undertakings has been set up.

Dissolution of KVIC

694. SHRI RAJ KUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have dissolved the Khadi and Village Industries Commission on 14th October, 2004 and made some stop gap arrangements before its restructuring;